

## Permanent /Transportable HHW Collection Station Serving Two Counties

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### Summary

HHW drop-off service, by appointment, for households and small quantity conditionally exempt generators, located 8 months of the year in Lafayette (Tippecanoe County) and the remaining 4 months In Frankfort (Clinton County), using a transportable steel shed as the receiving/bulking/ storage center.

### Start date/hours

Initiated in July 1994 in Lafayette; service by appointment. Alternates weekday and weekend dates for public convenience

### Cost

Capital expense (site improvements, shed) ..... \$48,000  
Annual operating expense (labor, disposal) ..... \$29,000 (est.)  
(Labor = \$ 7, 000 of operating expense.)

Based on the volume of HHW processed to date, it is estimated this program will process 33,750 pounds of HHW a year.

### Program description

This program of the Wildcat Creek Solid Waste Management District is designed to provide the service and convenience of a permanent program in the two population centers of the district without incurring the expense of two complete and receiving and processing stations. A single, transportable HHW receiving/bulking/storing unit (a prefabricated, explosion-proof steel shed measuring 12 feet wide by 24 feet long by 8 feet tall) alternately serves the collection points in the cities of Lafayette and Frankfort.

Waste is accepted only by appointment through the district office. Callers are asked a number of questions about the HHW they intend to bring in, are given an appointment time, and are advised on the best way to pack and transport materials accepted by the program. Concerning materials not accepted by the program – antifreeze, motor oil, alkaline batteries, and car batteries, interior latex paint – callers are advised where those materials can be delivered in the community for recycling, or how to dispose of them properly.

In Lafayette, the collection site is a county-owned piece of land on a busy road on the northeast side of town, next to a refuse transfer station operated by a private company. The HHW receiving shed sits on a concrete pad. A security fence with locking gate surrounds the unit. A gravel road connects the site to the public road.

Receiving procedures are standard: an assistant unloads materials from the client's vehicle and asks about unlabeled materials. Within the shed, chemist classifies and segregates materials. Those suitable for fuel blending are bulked into 55-gallon drums; others are packed into "lab packs" for transportation to disposal sites elsewhere. Initially, the waste hauler, Heritage Environmental Services, is calling on a 45-day cycle. The storage unit will hold 27 drums.